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STRESSES EXPANSION OF PHYSICAL CULTURE ACTIVITIES

The Politburo of the United Polish Workers' Party approved a 14-point resolution to promote physical culture and to "raise the ideological and educational level of sports" in Poland. The following recommendations were made:

1. That a Central Committee for Physical Culture associated with the Council of Ministers be created to serve as a coordinating body in all matters pertaining to sports and physical culture.
2. That special emphasis be given to the athletic programs and activities of "Zwiazek Mlodziezy Polskiej" (Organization of Polish Youth).
3. That the State Economic Planning Commission earmark adequate appropriations for the expansion of athletic institutions and the production of athletic equipment and installations.
4. That athletic instructors be trained among working-class and peasant youth.
5. That the level of physical education be raised for school-age youth, particularly in rural districts.
6. That the trade unions and their members stimulate interest in physical culture and athletics.
7. That the government give subsidies and guidance to such bodies as Peasants' Self-Help, Organization of Polish Youth, Service for Poland, and trade unions.
8. That the requirements of military training be considered in athletic programs of the army and security agencies.
9. That instructors be mobilized to overcome reactionary theories detaching sport activities from the vital education needs of the youth masses.

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10. That group athletics, competitions, and sport events be developed.
11. That favorable conditions be created for record attainments.
12. That medical care be provided to all engaged in physical culture.
13. That special marks of distinction be given to sport champions and sport educators.
14. That sports propaganda be raised to a higher ideological plane.

To insure political guidance in the field of physical culture, the Politburo requests all party organizations to increase their interest in athletics and to render every assistance to organizations engaged in promoting sports and physical education.

PHYSICISTS MEET IN WARSAW -- Rzeczpospolita, No 300, 31 Oct 49

On 30 October, the opening of the 12th national meeting of physicists was attended by 250 scientists from all parts of Poland. The meeting was opened by Professor Pienkowski, director of the Institute of Experimental Physics, Warsaw University. The meeting will close 3 November 1949.

UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE RISES -- Polska Zbrojna, No 274, 6 Oct 49

According to data published by the Chief Bureau of Statistics (Bulletin No 17), 92,444 students attended Polish universities during the 1948/49 academic year compared with 79,287 in 1947/48. In addition, vocational and art schools were attended by 16,988 students in 1948/49, as compared with 15,299 in 1947/48.

Higher degrees were conferred upon 327 graduates, while 4,270 received lower academic degrees.

Warsaw, the most important academic center in Poland, with seven institutions of high learning, had a total attendance of 20,363 students in 1948/49. Krakow had the highest university attendance with 22,303 students. The Jagiellonian University alone had 11,600 registered students.

TRAINING TRADE UNION ACTIVISTS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 295, 26 Oct 49

The Central School of Trade Unions in Lodz opened its 26th session with an attendance of 78, recruited mostly from the ranks of trade-union agents.

Up to the present, the school trained 1,552 activists in 25 half-year courses. Beginning with the fall of 1950 the courses will be one year long.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AMONG PEASANTS INTENSIFIED -- Polska Zbrojna, No 274, 6 Oct 49

The Chief Council of Cooperatives ended its plenary session with a resolution to assign 150 million zlotys to the Peasants' Self-Help Cooperatives for the expansion of cultural and educational activities among the rural population.

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